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ஒரு டெபுட்டி சூபரின்டென்டன்ட், ஒரு இன்ஸ்பெக்டர், இரண்டு சப்-இன்ஸ்பெக்டர்கள் அடிபட்டார்கள். அதற்கு பிறகு தடியடிப் பிரயோகம் நடந்தது. தடியடிப் பிரயோகம் நடந்து பலன் இல்லாத காரணத்தினுலே, துப்பாக்கி பிரயோகம் நடந்தது. அதிலே ஒருவர் காயம் அடைந்தார். என்னிடம் வந்த தகவல்படி படுகாயம் என்று சொல்வதற்கில்லை. அது தான் தகவல். அதற்கு மேலே ஒரு துப்பாக்கிப் பிரயோகம் நடந்திருப்பதினுல், கலெக்டர் அவர்கள் உடனே ஒரு ஆர்.டி.ஓ-வை நியமித்து விசாரணை செய்ய வேண்டும். அம்மாதிரி விசாரணை செய்வதற்கு ஏற்பாடு செய்திருப்பதாக கலெக்டர் அவர்கள் சொன்னுர்கள். இது தான் நிலைமை. இதிலே துப்பாக்கிப் பிரயோகம் இல்லாமலே இருப்பது தான் நலம். அது மாதிரி துப்பாக்கிப் பிரயோகம் ஏற்படாமல் இருக்கவேண்டும் என்பதுதான் என்னுடைய கவலையும் கூட. சில சமயங்களில் தவிர்க்க முடியாது என்ருல், அம்மாதிரி துப்பாக்கிப் பிரயோகம் ஏற்படுகிறது. மேலும் விவரம் வேண்டுமென்ருல், ஒரு அவசரக் கேள்வி கேட்டால், இப்பொழுது கூறியதை விட வேறு ஏதாவது அதிக விவரம் இருந்தால் சொல்லலாம். ஆர்.டி.ஓ. 'என்குயரி' இப்பொழுது நடக்கும். இந்த நிலையிலே இந்த ஒத்திவைப்புப் பிரேரபணைக்கு இடம் இல்லை என்பதைத் தெரிவித்துக்கொள்கிறேன்.

MR. SPEAKER: The Hon. Minister is prepared to answer a Short Notice Question. Therefore, I do not think this is a matter of so much importance as to be taken up as an adjournment motion now.

III. CALLING ATTENTION TO THE NON-SUPPLY OF ELECTRICITY TO PUMP SETS IN NORTH ARCOT DISTRICT—*cont.*

திரு. எஸ். ஜே. ராமசாமி: மதிப்பிற்குரிய சட்டமன்றத் தலைவர் அவர்களே, 41-வது விதியின்கீழ் அவசரப் பொது முக்கியத்துவம் வாய்ந்த ஒரு விஷயத்தை அமைச்சர் அவர்களின் கவனத்திற்குக் கொண்டு வருகிறேன்.

வடாற்காடு மாவட்டத்தில் விவசாயிகளுக்கு சுமார் 1,500 பம்பு செட்டுகளுக்கு மின்சாரம் வழங்குவது தடுத்து நிறுத்தப்பட்டிருக்கிறது, பாலாறு பேஸின் விதிப்படி. குறிப்பாக, அரக்கோணம் தாலூக்காவில் மட்டும் 500-க்கு மேற்பட்ட விவசாயிகளுக்கு பாலாறு பேஸின் விதிப்படி பம்பு செட்டுகளுக்கு மின்சாரம் கனெக்ஷன் கொடுப்பது நிறுத்தப்பட்டிருக்கிறது. இந்த விஷயத்தை அமைச்சர் அவர்களின் கவனத்திற்குக் கொண்டு வருகிறேன்.

MR. SPEAKER: Has the hon. Member Pulavar Govindan got the notice with him?

புலவர் கா. கோவிந்தன்: என்னிடம் இல்லை. இரண்டு அங்கத்தினர்கள் கொடுத்த நோட்டீசையும் 'க்ளப்' பண்ணிவிட்டார்கள்.

THE HON. SRI V. RAMAIAH: Mr. Speaker, Sir, as early as in 1931, it was recognised that the Palar was over-burdened with irrigation beyond its capacity. The irrigation under the Palar

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Anicut System and the Palar Water Shed in the Madras State was, therefore, examined by a Committee known as the Palar Irrigation Committee. Based on the recommendation of the Committee, in June 1961, the Government directed that no new irrigation works should be constructed in the Palar Basin, nor any extension of works should be taken up and that there should be no conversion from ' dry ' to ' wet ' or from ' single crop ' to ' double crop ' wet. These directions are called the Palar Basin Rules. In effect, there was a total prohibition regarding the sinking of new wells in the Palar Basin.

During the Grow More Food drive in the late forties, the Palar Basin Rules were relaxed in favour of sinking of new wells or tube wells for irrigation of ' dry ' lands in the basin and extension of irrigation to dry lands for an irrigated crop after a favourable North-East Mansoon. With a view to safeguarding the interest of the existing ayacut, it was considered necessary that the new wells must be 2,000 feet away from the spring heads of channels and that the Public Works Department should be consulted for the sinking of new wells near water resoures. This relaxation was in force up to April 1961. In the meanwhile, it was ordered in 1959, that deserving cases within a minimum distance of 2,000 feet might be reviewed favourably for supplying power to pumpsets.

On receipt of a number of representations, the question of further relaxation of the Palar Basin Rules was examined and orders were issued in May 1961, relaxing the rules further. According to these orders which are to be in force for a period of five years from 6th May 1961, new wells may be permitted for irrigating the lands in the Palar Basin, provided such wells are not less than two furlongs away from the spring heads of channels and one furlong away from the spring channel. The crops grown should, however, correspond to the classification of the land as registered and the horse-power of each pumpset should not exceed five. Permission to sink wells or install pumpsets in accordance with the above orders to be given by the Collector in consultation with the Executive Engineer, Public Works Department who will examine each case and decide on its merits.

With a view to safeguarding the protected water-supply schemes dependant on the Palar, the Government have in May 1963, issued orders, incorporating the following additional conditions in the Palar Basin Rules, as revised in 1961 :—

" In cases where the sub-soil water is the source for water-supply schemes, sinking of wells or tube wells with or without the installation of pumpsets is prohibited within a distance of 2,000 feet from either bank of the Palar river and also up and down streamsides to safeguard the protected water-supply schemes."

In so far as the extension of irrigation by sinking of new wells is concerned, the Collector of North Arcot has reported that no applications have been received for the issue of clearance certificates, nor for the installation of oil engine pumpsets. Consequent

on the extension of electricity to rural areas, the ryots are intensively taking to the installation of electric pumpsets and the Electricity Board necessarily insists on the production of clearance certificates from the Collector so as to satisfy the conditions of the Palar Basin Rules in force. The number of applications has of late increased and every effort is being made by the Collector to dispose them off with the least possible delay or inconvenience to the ryots. At the District Development Council meeting held during December 1962, it was resolved that instead of insisting on the production of a clearance certificate for every individual case, villages which did not have any spring channel or spring head within a distance of one furlong and two furlongs respectively might be excluded from the scope of the Palar Basin Rules. The Collector of North Arcot has reported that he has accordingly asked the Executive Engineer, Public Works Department, to prepare lists of such villages taluk-wise and that as and when the list for each Taluk is finalised, it is being communicated to the Superintending Engineer, Vellore Electricity System, asking him not to insist upon clearance certificates in the case of applicants from such villages. Out of the 3,153 applications received during 1962 and up to 30th June 1963 for the issue of clearance certificates for installing pumpsets in North Arcot District, 1,171 cases are reported to have been disposed of. Taking Arkonam taluk alone, of the 410 applications received, 133 cases have been disposed of. The remaining cases are reported to be under scrutiny by the local officers.

The restrictions imposed by the Palar Basin Rules were discussed at a Conference held in the Secretariat on 1st June 1963 with the concerned officers and certain representatives of the public from North Arcot. The representatives enumerated the difficulties the ryots had to undergo for obtaining permits for installation of pumpsets in the Palar Basin. They were of the view that the rules should apply only to the area on both the banks of the Palar and not to its tributaries or the spring heads or spring channels. It has been decided at the Conference that the Commissioner of Land Revenue and Food Production and the Chief Engineer (Irrigation) should visit the District, hear representations locally and suggest measures for affording the relief asked for by the ryots. The reports of the Chief Engineer (Irrigation) and the Board of Revenue in the matter are awaited.

It may thus be seen that the question of further relaxing the Palar Basin Rules is under the consideration of the Government.

IV.—PRESENTATION OF THE REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON ESTIMATES.

SRI T. M. NALLASAMY : Mr. Speaker, Sir, I rise to present the Seventh Report of the Committee on Estimates on District Administration.